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April 23, 1996

Ms. Jennifer K. Wall Reports Analyst Reports Analyst Division Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

RE: Democrats 2000

Dear Ms. Wall:

I am resubmitting our letter to you of April 4, 1996 in response to FEC's March 29, 1996 inquiry regarding a \$4000 contribution to Democrats 2000 that was erroneously reported as a PAC contribution. The \$4000 was for tickets to a dinner hosted by Democrats 2000.

We have received a letter dated April 18, 1996 that the FEC has not yet received our response to the original inquiry.

John J. Sheenan

Legislative/Director and Assistant to the President

Enclosure

4-4-96 letter to Jennifer Wall
with enclosures
4-18-96 letter from J.D. Gibson, FEC
c: John D. Gibson, Asst Staff Dir.
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Dear Ms. Wall:

Relative to your inquiry of March 29, 1996 regarding a \$4000 contribution to Democrats 2000 from the United Steelworkers of America (USWA), please be advised that the contribution was erroneously recorded by Democrats 2000 as a PAC contribution.

Democrats 2000 will be submitting an amended report demonstrating such. That organization has also indicated to me that the contribution, which was for participation in a dinner, was originally deposited in its non-Federal account.

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cc: Tom Hattery, Democrats 2000

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's interest in assisting committees which may be subject to the registration and reporting requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act ("the Act") but are not registered with the Commission.

The Act defines a "political committee" to include any separate segregated fund established by a corporation, labor organization, membership organization (to include trade associations), cooperative, or corporation without capital stock which solicits contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing federal elections. 2 U.S.C. \$\$431(4) and 441b

A review of the receipts reported by the Democrats 2000 indicates that your organization may be a separate segregated fund making expenditures to influence federal elections. The term "expenditures" includes contributions to federal candidates and committees supporting federal candidates. See 2 U.S.C. \$431(9). This activity may qualify your organization as a "political committee" subject to the registration, reporting and other requirements of the Act. A copy of the receipt schedule(s) which list your organization's contribution(s) is enclosed for your review.

In order to be in compliance with the Act, your organization must either:

- submit a Statement of Organization and file disclosure reports on FEC FORM 3X (relevant informational materials and forms are enclosed); or
- 2) receive a full contribution refund or direct the recipient committee(s) to transfer the funds to an account not used to influence federal elections.

The second alternative noted above should be followed if your organization does not wish to register and file disclosure reports or if the contributions or expenditures by your organization were from an account containing corporate or union funds.

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If you believe that your organization is not a political committee, or the Commission is otherwise in error, please submit documentation which will clarify this matter. Although the Commission may take further legal steps concerning this matter, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

Please notify the Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of this letter of your decision on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me on the agency's toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

Jennifer k. Wall

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Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may fee to be said or used by any person for the purpose of spinotring contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political commercial contributions from such committee.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 18, 1996

Treasurer USWA 816 16th Street, Suite 706 20006 Washington, DC

Dear Treasurer:

This is to inform you that as of this date, the Commission has not received your response to our letter dated March 29, 1996. Our letter notified you that a review of reports filed with the Commission indicates that your organization may have made expenditures which qualify it as a political committee. Enclosed is a copy of our original letter.

If no response is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate legal action to ensure compliance with the Act.

If you should have any questions related to this matter, please contact Jennifer Wall on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson

Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division

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